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Re: U.S. Utility Patent Appl. No. 09/403,269; § 371 Date: October 18, 1999✓  
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For: **DNA Sequence Encoding a Novel Glucuronyl C5-Epimerase (as amended)**  
Inventors: Lindahl *et al.*  
Our Ref: 1708.0380000/MAC/MBT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith for appropriate action are the following documents:

1. Fee Transmittal Form (PTO/SB/17);
2. Petition For Extension of Time Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)(1);
3. Supplemental Amendment and Reply Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.116;
4. Our check no. 37187 for \$55.00 to cover:  
\$55.00 Extension Fee Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136; and
5. One (1) return postcard.

It is respectfully requested that the attached postcard be stamped with the date of filing of these documents, and that it be returned to our courier. In the event that extensions of time are necessary to prevent abandonment of this patent application, then such extensions of time are hereby petitioned.

The U.S. Patent and Trademark Office is hereby authorized to charge any fee deficiency, or credit any overpayment, to our Deposit Account No. 19-0036.

Respectfully submitted,

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